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SUBJ: TANGOV REQUEST FOR SURPLUS DEFOLIANTS AND INSECTICIDE

1. TANZANIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS OFFICIALLY REQUESTED IN LETTER DATED JULY 29, 1975, THAT USG FURNISH SURPLUS DEFOLIANTS AND INSECTICIDES FOR USE IN USAID SPONSORED TSE-TSE FLY CONTROL RESEARCH PROGRAM. TANGOV AND EMBASSY UNDERSTAND NEEDED CHEMICALS ARE AVAILABLE IN SURPLUS STOCKS SCHEDULED TO BE DESTROYED BECAUSE THEY APPROACHING END OF SHELF-LIFE.

2. ITEMS REQUESTED ARE:

(A) 100 - 200 - LITRE DRUMS OF TORDON (2,4-D/2,4,5-T);

(B) 50 200 - LITRE DRUMS OF DDT

TOTAL VALUE OF ITEMS, INCLUDING SHIPPING, IS ESTIMATED AT \$200,000. SHIPPING COSTS WILL BE BORNE BY U.S. AGENCIES FINANCING THE RESEARCH PROGRAM.

3. CHEMICALS ARE WANTED TO ESTABLISH 1/2 MILE WIDE TSE-TSE FREE BARRIER AROUND THE MZERI HILL (NARCO) RANCH 22 MILES WEST OF MOMBO IN TANGA REGION. TOTAL AREA INVOLVED IS 16,000 ACRES. CHEMICALS WILL BE APPLIED TO FELLED TREES BY HAND TO INHIBIT REGROWTH OF BRUSH, AND AREA WILL EVENTUALLY BE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL AGRICULTURE AS GRASSLAND. NO AERIAL SPRAYING OR OTHER NON-SELECTIVE APPLICATION PLANNED.

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4. TORDON IS WIDELY USED IN TANZANIA, AND TANGOV OFFICIALS ARE AWARE THAT IT HAS BEEN USED BY US FOR MILITARY DEFOLIATION PURPOSES IN THE PAST.

5. MR. NELS KONNERUP IN THE OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE, BUREAU FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, USAID-WASHINGTON (AA/TA/AGR) IS FAMILIAR WITH REQUEST AND WITH AVAILABILITY OF SURPLUS CHEMICALS OF KINDS REQUESTED.

COMMENT: TSE-TSE FLY CONTROL RESEARCH PROGRAM IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT USAID-SPONSORED PROJECT IN TANZANIA, WHICH IS BEING STUDIED CLOSELY AS A MODEL BY A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES. CHEMICALS REQUESTED ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR CONTINUED PROGRESS OF PROJECT. EMBASSY THEREFORE STRONGLY URGES FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION OF TANGOV REQUEST.

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